

# Welcome

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- I am a Visitor
- I am interested in membership
- I would like to visit with the pastor
- Please note my change of address

## PRAYER REQUEST

*(Place in the Offering Plate or give to the Pastor.)*

I ask your prayers for:

\_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Request:

\_\_\_\_\_

May we send this person a note of encouragement?     yes     no

If yes, please include their address:

\_\_\_\_\_

May we include this in the prayer list for next week's bulletin and email prayer list? \_\_\_\_\_

Person making request \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_



Join the Youth of First Newton for worship and fun. All 6th -12th graders are welcome!

### Sunday, January 6

Parent Appreciation Night 5-7 p.m.  
Dinner in Fellowship Hall

### January 19-21

Youth Winter Retreat

### Sunday, January 27

Town Hall Meeting

For more info contact Deacon Shannon at: [DeaconShannon@firstnewton.org](mailto:DeaconShannon@firstnewton.org)



### Nursery:

For children up to 4 years  
8:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on Level 1

### Sunday School:

For children 3 years - 5th Grade from  
9:30 - 10:15 a.m. on Level 1

### Children's Activity Bags:

Located at the entrances of the  
Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall.



### KIDS FOR CHRIST CONTINUES

k4C is an after school ministry for children in Kindergarten - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade that meets on Wednesdays from 3:00-5:30 p.m. For more info, please contact Deacon Shannon.

## A LOOK AHEAD . . .

### Holiday Schedule

The Church Office will be closed January 1.

### Tuesday, January 8

Church Council meeting at 7 p.m.  
in the Gomedela Room

### Sunday, January 27

Town Hall Meeting at 5 p.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall

## FIRST CHURCH STAFF

Lara "Willis" Greene, Pastor

Shannon LeMaster-Smith, Minister of Discipleship - Children, Youth & Outreach

Brandy Burnette, Church Administrator

Sarah Luhrs, Choir Director

John Coffey, Organist

Michael Roberts, Praise Team

Kristi Spencer, Communications

Melissa Ervin, Nursery Director

Kristi Harvell, Preschool Director

PO Box 926 Newton, NC 28658

Phone: 828-464-8422

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

[www.firstnewton.org](http://www.firstnewton.org)

[facebook.com/fumcnewtonnc](https://www.facebook.com/fumcnewtonnc)

[instagram.com/firststumc\\_newton](https://www.instagram.com/firststumc_newton)

# First Newton

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Becoming one diverse community  
Worshipping Jesus passionately  
Practicing unprecedented acts of hospitality

## LOVING ALL PEOPLE INTO A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST

### WE GATHER

DECEMBER 30, 2018 • 10:30 A.M.

Gathering Time - *We welcome everyone! Greet your neighbors with the peace of Christ and take a moment to get to know those around you.*

Prelude - *A time to transition from the outside world to a time of worship.*

Welcome & Opportunities for Ministry

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: O come all ye faithful

People: **We come to worship the newborn King.**

Leader: Come, you joyful and triumphant people

People: **We come to praise our God**

Leader: Come, and behold him

People: **We come with open hearts and minds**

Leader: O come let us adore him

People: **O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

### \*Hymn, No. 234

**O Come, All Ye Faithful**

### \*Christmas Affirmation of Faith

Leader: I believe in Jesus Christ and in the beauty of the gospel that began in Bethlehem.

People: **I believe in Him whose spirit glorified a little town,**

Leader: Of whose coming the shepherds saw the sign and for whom the crowded inn could find no room.

People: **I believe in Him whom the kings of the earth ignored,**

Leader: Whose paths were among the common people.

People: **I believe in Him who proclaimed the Love of God to be invincible,**

Leader: Whose cradle was a mother's arms and whose home in Nazareth had love for its only wealth.

People: **And I believe that only by Love expressed shall the earth at length be made pure.**

Leader: And I acknowledge in Christ a faith that sees beyond the partial fact and a trust that looks beyond our present world,

People: **And I pray that this redemption may begin in us. Amen.**

*\*Please stand in praise of God if you are able.*

\*The Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**WE HEAR & RESPOND TO THE WORD**

Children's Time Rev. Shannon LeMaster-Smith

\*Passing of the Peace, Hymn No. 224 **Good Christian Friends Rejoice** (verse 1 only)

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say: News, news! Jesus Christ is born today! Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today, Christ is born today!**

Through the Eyes of a Shepherd Adam Wilson

Anthem Gustav Holst  
In the Bleak Midwinter

Scripture: Luke 2: 8-20

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Message **Through the Eyes of the Shepherds** Rev. Lara "Willis" Greene

Service of Giving

\*Doxology Hymn, No. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,  
whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*\*Please stand in praise of God if you are able.*

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

\*Hymn, No. 245 **The First Noel** (verses 1-4)

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response Hymn, No. 246 **Joy to the World** (Refrain only)

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room, And heaven and nature sing.  
And heaven and nature sing. And heaven and nature sing.**

\*Chimes of the Trinity

\*Postlude



**PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Alvin Thornburg, Debbie Propst, Bernice Allen & Family, Amy Neel

**Our Military:** Scott Beal, Taylor Bean, Ethan Branton, Michael Howard, Todd Houtz, Tai Orange, David Parker, Camaron Sills, President Trump

**SAVE THE DATE: Sunday Jan. 6 from 5-7 p.m.**

Parents of Youth — WE APPRECIATE YOU! Come be treated to dinner, served by the youth in honor of you. Following the meal, the youth will play games while the parents meet to share ideas and hear about our plans for Youth Ministry in 2019. For more info, contact Shannon.



**METHODIST WOMEN MEETING** - All women of the church are invited to join the monthly meeting on Monday, Jan. 7 at 2 p.m. in the Gomedela Room. For more information about the group, please contact Martha Sowers at 828-464-6954.

**MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD: WNC DELEGATION LISTENING SESSIONS**

The Western North Carolina Conference Delegation to the 2019 Called Session of the General Conference will be available at two sessions in early January for United Methodist clergy and laity to learn more about the upcoming conference and share their perspectives. Participants will have the opportunity to make their voice heard during directed table conversations and brief presentations. The sessions will be identical. Registration is required. The dates, times, and locations for the sessions are:

- Saturday, January 5 at First UMC in Morganton from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Sunday, January 6 at First UMC in Salisbury from 3-6 p.m.

For more info and to register: [www.wnccumc.org/commissiononawayforwardresources](http://www.wnccumc.org/commissiononawayforwardresources)



**THURSDAY, JANUARY 10**

Refreshments at 9:30 a.m. Program begins at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**PROGRAM:**

Jesse Salwen is a photographer who will share his slideshow as we "travel" to India through his personal photos.

**LUNCH MENU:**

Pinto beans, marinated slaw, cornbread and assorted pies for dessert.

RSVP to the church office (828-464-8422) by noon on Tuesday, January 8.

For more info, call Bev @ 828-465-0481.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**# Attending:** \_\_\_\_\_



You are invited to visit The Prayer Room (in the Chapel). There are prayer stations set up, or you may choose to simply sit in the presence of God. The Prayer Room is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday - Thursday & on Sunday's from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.